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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Group Art Unit : 1742

For : STEEL FOR PLASTIC MOLDS AND PROCESS FOR THEIR HEAT TREATMENT

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in Response to Final Office Action Mailed May 5, 2004** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004.

Applicants note that the Final Office Action does not set forth a shortened statutory period for response whereby it appears that a six month statutory period is set forth in the Final Office Action. In any event, this response is being filed prior to the expiration of three months from the mailing of the Final Office Action so that an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time, including any extension of time that may be required for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.